

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2006 – 0530 MST
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 217 new fires reported. Three new large fires were reported in the Eastern Area. Five large fires were contained, three in the Eastern Area and one each in the Southern and Rocky Mountain Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in California, Nebraska, South Dakota and Kansas.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS IA, Texas Forest Service. A Unified Command between a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Custer) and a Texas State Type 2 Incident Commander (Hannemann), representing the state of Texas, is in place in Granbury and Abilene, TX. The Unified Command is assisting local jurisdictions in managing existing fires and initial attack within the 220,000 square mile West Zone fire management response area. The Caddo and Miami fires are within the management response area and are being managed by the Unified Command. Eleven new fires totaling 369 acres were reported. Figures in the table represent cumulative fire activity to date for the response area.

CADDO, Texas Forest Service. This fire is two miles north of Caddo, TX in grass, oak and cedar. Smoldering and creeping were observed within the perimeter. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping. Costs are included in North Central Texas IA total.

EAST TEXAS IA, Texas Forest Service. A Texas State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Rose) is assigned to assist local dispatch zones in managing existing fires and initial attack in east Texas. Increasing fire activity was reported in the zone. Some rain was received in localized areas. Windy conditions persist, hampering suppression efforts. Figures in the table represent cumulative fire activity to date for the response area.

EASTERN OKLAHOMA IA, Oklahoma State. An Oklahoma State Type 2 Incident Management Team (Smith) is assigned in Shawnee, OK. The Team is assisting local, federal and state jurisdictions in managing existing fires and initial attack in Oklahoma. One new large fire and 1,050 new acres were reported. Figures in the table represent cumulative fire activity to date for the response area.

SPERRY, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is three miles northwest of Owasso, OK in grass and leaf litter. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

AMBROSE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is five miles west of Kellyville, OK in timber and grass. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

STILLWATER NORTH, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is six miles northeast of Stillwater, OK in grass and understory. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

MASON, Okmulgee Field Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is two miles south of Mason, OK in grass and leaf litter. No new information was reported.

SNAKE CREEK, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land four miles northeast of Locust Grove, OK in hardwood litter and grass. No new information was reported.

WHITEHORN COVE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is five miles northeast of Wagoner, OK in hardwood litter and grass. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	22,418	NR	UNK	608	3	44	21	0	9.5M	N/A
CADDO	TX	TXS	1,809	95	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
EAST TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	12,028	NR	UNK	389	0	28	5	19	3.9M	PRI
EASTERN OKLAHOMA IA	OK	OXS	UNK	NR	UNK	287	0	18	0	42	2.6M	ST
SPEERY	OK	OXS	1,900	30	UNK	124	0	39	0	2	NR	ST
AMBROSE	OK	OXS	550	50	UNK	20	0	7	0	0	NR	ST
STILLWATER NORTH	OK	OXS	580	NR	UNK	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
MASON	OK	OMA	373	99	UNK	20	0	5	0	0	40K	BIA
SNAKE CR.	OK	OXS	200	85	UNK	4	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI
WHITEHORN COVE	OK	OXS	160	80	UNK	14	0	7	0	0	NR	ST
MIAMI	TX	TXS	2,400	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
FOUR CORNERS	NE	NBF	5,567	100	---	108	2	13	0	0	137K	FS

NBF – Nebraska National Forest

EASTERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
Z ROAD	MO	MOS	158	100	---	16	0	0	0	1	NR	ST
BROWNINGTON	MO	MOS	240	100	---	3	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
DUMPLING CREEK	MO	MOS	137	100	---	7	0	2	0	0	NR	ST

MOS – Missouri Department of Conservation

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warnings: Much of Texas and Oklahoma for strong, gusty winds and low humidity.

Fire Weather Watches: Eastern New Mexico, western Texas, eastern Oklahoma and northwest Arkansas for strong, gusty winds and low humidity.

Weather Discussion: A developing surface low pressure system in the Southern Plains will bring warm, dry, and windy conditions to eastern New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma. Drier weather will be spreading into Florida behind yesterday's cold frontal passage.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southern Area Texas & Oklahoma: mostly sunny	60s to around 70.	10 to 25%.	South to west 10 to 20 mph occasionally reaching 25 mph.
Southern California Partly to mostly cloudy with rain and snow showers over Central California. The snow level will be around 6,000 feet.	40 to 55 mountains. 60 to 70 valleys. 50 to 60 upper deserts. 60 to 70 lower deserts.	50 to 70%.	Southwest to northwest 15 to 25 mph.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

DOZER/TRACTOR PLOW OPERATIONS

Dozers/tractor plows provide suppression and support capability for fire operations. When working on or around dozers on the fireline, it is important to respect the following guidelines:

- Load/unload equipment from the transport in a safe manner on a level, stable surface.
- Park transport in an area free of fuel. Clear an area if needed to protect parked equipment.
- Do not sit or bed down near equipment. Walk around the equipment before starting or moving it.
- Lower the dozer blade and/or fire plow to the ground when the equipment is idling or stopped.
- When working a dozer or tractor plow, stay at least 100 feet in front or 50 feet behind the equipment.
- Allow no one but the operator to ride on the equipment.
- Never get on or off equipment while it is moving.
- Provide front and rear lights for equipment working at night or in heavy smoke.
- Provide lights and fluorescent vests to personnel working with dozer/tractor plow units.
- Use hand signals for direction and safety. (See Fireline Handbook, Appendix A, for hand signals.)
- Do not use a dozer or tractor plow without a canopy or brush guard and radio communications.
- Operators will wear required PPE and carry a fire shelter.
- Be aware of different fuel types, rates of spread, and flammability.
- Watch for wetlands, steep slopes, rocks, ditches, and other obstacles that might stop the equipment.
- Do not get too far ahead of a firing crew during firing operations.
- Anchor the line to a secure firebreak and create a black line (burn out) until the fire is completely enclosed.
- Tractor plow operators should wear headgear protection for head, face, eyes, and ears while also providing radio reception and ventilation capabilities.
- Tractor plow crews should consist of a minimum of two people.
- When the dozer or tractor plow is equipped with a hand-clutch lever, always take equipment out of gear when mounting and dismounting.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						2	2
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		0				0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES					138	1	139
	ACRES					30	54	84
Southern Area	FIRES					74		74
	ACRES					370		370
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	212	4	217
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	400	56	456

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						2	2
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		0					0
Southwest	FIRES	3				25	12	40
	ACRES	2				43,080	15	43,097
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5			9	3	17
	ACRES		0			7,633	108	7,741
Eastern Area	FIRES					10	8	18
	ACRES					600	159	759
Southern Area	FIRES	15		29	7	1,857	79	1,987
	ACRES	725		4,396	1,385	448,987	2,438	457,931
TOTAL	FIRES	18	6	29	7	1,901	105	2,066
	ACRES	727	0	4,396	1,385	500,300	2,722	509,530

Five Year Average Fires	820
Five Year Average Acres	5,166

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						14	14
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						100	100
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						130	130
Southern Area	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					2,268		2,268
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	6	3	9
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	2,268	244	2,512

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		100					100
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						17	17
Southern California	FIRES			1			13	14
	ACRES			1			305	306
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						120	120
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						398	398
Rocky Mountain	FIRES			13	3	1	2	19
	ACRES			2,129	11	30	222	2,392
Eastern Area	FIRES						11	11
	ACRES						2,454	2,454
Southern Area	FIRES			6		69	28	103
	ACRES			917		49,676	21,088	71,681
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	20	3	70	64	158
	ACRES	0	100	3,047	11	49,706	24,604	77,468

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		8				1	9
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
	ACRES	0	8	0	0	0	1	9

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest										
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	1	1	10	3					22	11
Eastern Area				2						19
Southern Area	3		43	102	5	21			263	424
Total	4	1	53	107	5	21	0	0	285	454

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